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Fifth Calendar Day - Fifth Session Day

Room 6, Hy-Vee Hall
Des Moines, Iowa, Friday, January 14, 2011

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 8:14 a.m., Speaker Paulsen in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Representative Rayhons of Hancock.

The Journal of Thursday, January 13, 2011 was approved.

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Forristall of Pottawattamie moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Senate that the House was ready to receive it in Joint Convention.

The motion prevailed and the Speaker appointed as such committee: Forristall of Pottawattamie, Chair; J. Taylor of Woodbury and M. Smith of Marshall.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Forristall of Pottawattamie, Chair of the committee to notify the Senate that the House was ready to receive it in Joint Convention, reported that the committee had performed its duty. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate and the honorable body of the Senate.

The President Pro Tempore of the Senate was escorted to the Speaker's station, the Secretary of the Senate to the Chief Clerk's desk and the members of the Senate were seated with members of the House.

JOINT CONVENTION

The Joint Convention reconvened at the Hy-Vee Hall at 8:21 a.m., President Pro Tempore Danielson presiding.

Senator Gronstal of Pottawattamie moved that the roll call be dispensed with and that the President Pro Tempore of the Joint Convention be authorized to declare a quorum present.

The motion prevailed.

President Pro Tempore Danielson declared a majority of the General Assembly present at the Joint Convention.

The report of the canvass of the votes was read by W. Charles Smithson, the Secretary of the Joint Convention, as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN AND LADIES OF THE JOINT CONVENTION:

Your tellers, appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to canvass the vote cast for candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor at the election held November 2, 2010 beg leave to make the following report of the total vote cast for Governor:

Terry E. Branstad	592,494
Chet Culver	484,798
Jonathan Narcisse.....	20,859
Eric Cooper	14,398
David Rosenfeld.....	2,757
Gregory J. Hughes.....	3,884
Scattering	2,823

And the total vote cast for Lieutenant Governor at the election, held November 2, 2010:

Kim Reynolds	592,494
Patty Judge.....	484,798
Richard Marlar.....	20,859
Nick Weltha	14,398
Helen Meyers.....	2,757
Robin Prior-Calef.....	3,884
Scattering	2,823

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

TOM RIELLY

Teller of the Senate

STEVEN SODDERS

Assistant Teller

RANDY FEENSTRA

Assistant Teller

W. CHARLES SMITHSON

Secretary of the Joint Convention

ROYD E. CHAMBERS

Teller of the House

CHUCK ISENHART

Assistant Teller

RON JORGENSEN

Assistant Teller

Senator Rielly of Mahaska moved that the report be adopted.

The motion prevailed and the report was adopted.

President Pro Tempore Danielson of the Joint Convention announced that the Honorable Terry E. Branstad and the Honorable Kim Reynolds, having received the highest number of votes cast for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Iowa, respectively, for the ensuing term, or until a successor is duly elected and qualified.

The following certificates were signed in the presence of the Joint Convention:

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
STATE OF IOWA
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GREETING:

This is to certify that upon a canvass in Joint Convention of the two Houses of the Eighty-fourth General Assembly of the State of Iowa, of all the votes cast at the general election held November 2, 2010, for the office of Governor of the State of Iowa, it appeared that Terry E. Branstad received the highest number of all votes cast for any candidate at said election for said office and was thereupon declared duly elected to said office for the term of four years and until a successor is duly elected and qualified.

Signed in the presence of the Joint Convention this Fourteenth day of January, A.D., 2011.

KRAIG PAULSEN
Speaker of the House

JEFF DANIELSON
Presiding Officer of the
Joint Convention

TOM RIELLY
Teller of the Senate

ROYD E. CHAMBERS
Teller of the House

W. CHARLES SMITHSON
Chief Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Joint Convention

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
STATE OF IOWA
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GREETING:

This is to certify that upon a canvass in Joint Convention of the two Houses of the Eighty-fourth General Assembly of the State of Iowa, of all the votes cast at the general election held November 2, 2010, for the office of Lieutenant Governor of the State of Iowa, it appeared that Kim Reynolds received the highest number of all votes cast for any candidate at said election for said office and was thereupon declared duly elected to said office for the term of four years and until a successor is duly elected and qualified.

Signed in the presence of the Joint Convention this Fourteenth day of January, A.D., 2011.

KRAIG PAULSEN
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President Pro Tempore Danielson then directed that the abstract of votes and certificates of election be filed with the Secretary of State.

Senator Gronstal of Pottawattamie moved that a committee of six, consisting of three members from the Senate and three members from the House, be appointed to notify Governor-elect Terry E. Branstad and Lieutenant Governor-elect Kim Reynolds of the official result of the canvass of votes.

The motion prevailed and the President Pro Tempore named as such committee Senators Beall of Webster, Bolkcom of Johnson and Kapucian of Benton, on the part of the Senate and Representatives Windschitl of Harrison, Rogers of Black Hawk and M. Smith of Marshall, on the part of the House.

The Joint Convention stood at ease at 8:45 a.m., until the fall of the gavel.

The Joint Convention reconvened at 9:15 a.m., President Pro Tempore Danielson presiding.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Senator Gronstal of Pottawattamie announced that the joint committee appointed to notify Governor-elect Terry E. Branstad and Lieutenant Governor-elect Kim Reynolds of their election to the office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Iowa, respectively, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT: As a committee appointed at the Joint Convention to notify the Honorable Terry E. Branstad and the Honorable Kim Reynolds of their election to the office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, respectively, we beg leave to report that we have performed the duty assigned to us and that they stand ready to assume duties of the offices to which they were elected.

Respectfully submitted,

DARYL BEALL
JOE BOLKCOM
TIM KAPUCIAN

MATT WINDSCHITL
WALT ROGERS
MARK SMITH

The motion prevailed and the report was adopted.

The Joint Convention stood at ease and proceeded to the floor of the auditorium for the inauguration of Governor-elect Terry E. Branstad and Lieutenant Governor-elect Kim Reynolds.

State Auditor, David Vaudt; Attorney General, Tom Miller; Secretary of State, Matt Schultz; Secretary of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Bill Northey and State Treasurer, Michael Fitzgerald were seated prior to the Joint Convention.

The Joint Convention reconvened at 9:22 a.m., President Pro Tempore Danielson presiding.

The Legislative Inaugural Committee, consisting of Senators Black of Jasper, Hogg of Linn, Ragan of Cerro Gordo, Kettering of Sac, Zaun of Polk and Kapucian of Benton on the part of the Senate and Representatives Schulte of Linn, Lukan of Dubuque, Deyoe of Story, Abdul-Samad of Polk, Wittneben of Emmet and Berry of Black Hawk

on the part of the House, escorted Governor-elect Branstad and Lieutenant Governor-elect Reynolds to the Joint Convention.

The House stood at ease at 9:26 a.m., until the fall of the gavel.

The “Battle Hymn of the Republic” and “God Bless America” were sung by John Cheatem and Linda Juckette.

The Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms, Sergeant First Class Troy Thompson, announced the arrival of the family of Lieutenant Governor-elect Reynolds.

The family of Lieutenant Governor-elect Reynolds was escorted to their seats.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the family of Governor-elect Branstad.

The family of Governor-elect Branstad was escorted to their seats.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the Most Reverend Martin J. Amos, on behalf of the Most Reverend Jerome Hanus.

Most Reverend Martin J. Amos was escorted to his seat.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of Pastor Chuck DeVos.

Pastor Chuck DeVos was escorted to his seat.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the Official 2011 Inaugural Committee.

The Official 2011 Inaugural Committee was escorted to their seats.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court, Mark Cady.

Chief Justice Cady was escorted to his seat.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the General Assembly Inaugural Committee.

The General Assembly Inaugural Committee was escorted to their seats.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of Lieutenant Governor-elect Reynolds, and her husband, Kevin Reynolds.

Lieutenant Governor-elect Reynolds, and her husband, Kevin Reynolds were escorted to their seats by Brigadier General Greg Schwab.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of Governor-elect Branstad and his wife, Chris Branstad.

Governor-elect Branstad and his wife, Chris Branstad were escorted to their seats by Brigadier General Timothy Orr.

The colors were advanced by the Iowa National Guard.

The National Anthem was sung by Linda Juckette.

The invocation was delivered by the Most Reverend Martin J. Amos from the Catholic Diocese in Davenport, Iowa.

The oath of office was administered to Lieutenant Governor-elect Kim Reynolds by Chief Justice Mark Cady, and assisted by Kevin Reynolds.

President Pro Tempore Danielson presented Lieutenant Governor Kim Reynolds who gave the following remarks:

Governor and Mrs. Branstad, Governor Ray, Chief Justice Cady, my colleagues in the General Assembly, elected officials, distinguished guests, family, friends and fellow Iowans. Thank you for being here this morning.

Senator Danielson, thank you for that kind introduction.

I stand here today as a proud but humble southern Iowa girl. Daughter of a factory worker and small farmer, a quiet but strong mother, parents who raised me knowing the importance of faith and family, to always tell the truth, and with a deep regard for personal responsibility. I stand here as your Lieutenant Governor, full of pride and anticipation, and eager to serve the people of this great state.

To my parents, Charles and Audrey thank you for your love, encouragement, never ending support and for instilling in us the American Dream, that we could do anything, be anybody. For teaching us to treat people with respect, work hard and believe in ourselves; that if we do that, all things are possible.

To my husband, Kevin, thank you for being the most loving and understanding person in my life, and for being an amazing father and role model to our daughters, Nicole, Jen and Jessica. Through the tough times and with each NEW challenge, guided by our faith each of you has been my source of strength. Thanks for keeping me grounded and real; for believing in me; for the many sacrifices; and for the endless encouragement that has led to this day.

To my mother-in-law, Ramona, who this December lost her battle with cancer. A wife and mother who became a widow at age 35 with 6 young children to raise by herself on the farm. Thank you for raising a patient, thoughtful, sometimes stubborn son, who is a loving and caring husband, dad and grandpa.

Through your courage, strength, giving nature, dignity and faith you gave us a wonderful example of how to live life.

Thank you to all the county treasurers, Republican and Democrat, across the state, my second family, for your friendship, support and for setting a great example of what public servants can accomplish when they embrace change, focus on service and work together.

And, to you, Governor Branstad, thank you for the confidence you have shown in me to serve as your lieutenant governor. You are an inspiration to me and to all who serve the public, for your selfless devotion to our state. Your leadership, Integrity, love for this state and your tireless work on behalf of others sets a high bar that challenges and motivates not only me but all those around you.

Today, we have before us a new Iowa, new challenges, new hopes and new opportunities. A new Iowa built on our tried and true values.

Values of openness, open people with open hearts,

Values of honesty, honest people doing honest work

Values of caring, caring for each other, our children, parents, neighbors and our communities.

Values of family, the fundamental bedrock of our society, to be strengthened and protected if we are to realize our potential.

Values of Personal Responsibility, not expecting others to do for us what we can do for ourselves, leading by example.

Those are the values we start with, values passed down from generation to generation by our ancestors who worked the fields, built the towns, started the industry.

Those values remain with us today. They are the foundation building blocks of the new Iowa we will shape together.

It begins by listening to you, all Iowans. Because no person, no party, no pundit has a monopoly on good ideas. This is your government.

Together, we will work with you, with the leaders of your communities and neighborhoods to keep our main streets vibrant and open, to promote and market Iowa to the World that in turn will bring jobs and prosperity to every corner of Iowa.

Together, we will redefine the role and structure of government; a limited, transparent, smaller government, which focus on essential services, infrastructure, safety, and quality education, a partner rather than an obstacle in reaching our goals.

Together, we will reshape education. To make sure that from pre-school to the universities you have access to the best education in the world.

This new Iowa will require open minds, a willingness to do things different, to embrace change. We no longer will be able to do things the way we have always done them. None of this will be easy. But it is long overdue and it is the right thing to do. It is with great challenges that we find great opportunities.

It can and will be done. We can use technology to both reduce the size of government and deliver services to Iowans more efficiently. We can work together, state and local, public and private, to transform the way we deliver services to Iowans. With a little "out-of-the-box" thinking can stretch our services and better utilize our dollars.

I believe in Iowans and the heart of Iowa is my passion. The families, small communities and neighborhoods, the quality of life that make Iowa such a special place. My focus will be on creating an environment where business owners choose to invest in our workforce and our communities where good jobs can be found all across Iowa. And policies that reinforce family values thus strengthening the family unit, which is the backbone of our state.

But government can only do so much. And often it becomes involved in too much or only when it is too late.

It is up to each of us, as leaders in our families and communities, to step up and do what is right without the expectation of honor or glory.

Let our reward be instead the satisfaction that comes from leaving our children a brighter future a better Iowa. In the words of Winston Churchill, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

And in that same spirit of service I cannot help but recall my visit to the home of the Pender family, Jim and Michelle, of Windsor Heights.

They are the parents of five adopted special needs children. They range in age from 14 to 21. Despite their handicaps, the oldest 4 are all looking forward to their lives as adults.

The youngest 14 year-old Rachael has cerebral palsy, the result of a stroke she suffered in the womb because her biological mother used methamphetamines. Rachael can't speak, and moves only with the help of a wheelchair.

I had the opportunity to spend a morning with Rachael and her parents, from waking Rachael, to getting her dressed, fixing her hair, feeding her breakfast, and despite a few challenges with her wheelchair I got her on the school bus. It was a very moving morning and the smile on her face as she boarded the bus will be with me always. Rachael inspires all who come in contact with her by her undaunted spirit.

She inspired me. As her mother Michele said, "She teaches others about life. Her life is different, but like her brothers and sisters, she's no less worthwhile." It was Rachel's love of life in spite her challenges that really touched my heart.

The Pender's don't limit their caring to their children. Whenever anyone elderly or sick needs help, they are the first ones there.

Why do they do it? They'll be the first to tell you they are not special, just as Jim says, "we are doing the best we can with whatever God has chosen to give us to do that day."

My fellow Iowans let us all do the best we can with what God has given us. If we can do that, I have no doubt that Iowa's best days are still ahead of us we will make a difference and will leave Iowa a better place for generations to come.

Thank you!! God bless you and the great state of Iowa.

Now, please join me in welcoming the Heartland Youth Choir.

The Heartland Youth Choir performed.

The oath of office was administered to Governor-elect Terry E. Branstad, by Chief Justice Mark Cady, and assisted by Chris Branstad.

President Pro Tempore Danielson presented Governor Terry E. Branstad, who delivered the following inaugural address:

Madam Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Speaker, Madam and Mr. Leader, Mr. Chief Justice, justices and judges, legislators, elected officials, distinguished guests, relatives and friends.

Senator Danielson, thank you for that introduction.

Even though Governor Culver is not with us today, I want to thank him on behalf of all Iowans for his service.

Leader Upmeyer, let me congratulate you on being the first woman to be elected as a majority leader in the history of our state. We are all proud of you. Your dad, Del, I'm sure is smiling down on us today, proud as can be.

Lieutenant Governor Reynolds, thank you for those inspirational remarks. In you, I think I've finally met my match in energy and passion for Iowa.

I look forward to the day when we can witness the swearing in of our first woman Governor. It is about time.

For the past 15 months, I have traveled our state, from river to river, border to border, from farm to factory, from cafe to office building.

It has been the experience of a lifetime. To reconnect with Iowans at their jobs, schools, places of worship and play. To have a conversation with them about our state, where we are and where we, as a people, want to go.

And what I would like to do today, on this, the occasion of my fifth inaugural as your Governor, is tell you what I learned. To make my humble attempt to distill our collective wisdom into a statement of principles, a new covenant between a state and its people.

This new covenant must have as its polestar the fact that Iowa is an exceptional place. We are blessed with the richest resources of soil and water, which are the envy of the world. Populated by hard working, honest and caring people, this land feeds and powers the world.

And, ignited by our ingenuity, we have only scratched the surface of our potential.

Iowa stands at the precipice of opportunity greater than at any time since our ancestors crossed the Mississippi to view an expanse of prairie as far as the eye could see. With the advent of open markets, a growing world middle class, and a need for sustainable solutions to the world's problems, Iowa sits in the catbird seat of history.

The world is hungry for our food and biomass, envious of our technology, pining for our productivity. The economic winds, which for a century or more blew in our face, are now firmly at our back.

Iowa is exceptional and these are exceptional times. Our challenge: to seize the day.

To those who say that our goals of 200,000 new jobs and 25% increase in family incomes are too high, I say, you ain't seen nothing yet. Only wrong-headed policy choices can prevent us from entering a golden era in Iowa history.

And, we must start with government. It must change, lest it dampen our opportunity and squelch the individual initiative which is our engine for growth.

Our old ways of doing the government's business must be radically altered to do the people's business. We must be rid of the yoke of government which taxes us too much, spends too much and regulates us too much. Government must, as Abraham Lincoln once said, do only that which the people cannot do for themselves.

That is new covenant principle number one: we have too much government, state, county, city, school, local and it must be reduced. For too long, we have papered over the fact that our appetite for government exceeds our pocket book to pay for it.

As my 86 year old dad, Edward, who is with us today would say “our eyes are bigger than our wallet.”

Our auditor tells us that at least 15% must be permanently eliminated from government to make our books balance once and for all. And I aim to make sure we do it and do it now.

We will all share in the sacrifice, while protecting those who need our help. But we will remove the lead boots of excess government from our economy. And without that burden, we will be able to run like the wind in the race to prosperity.

Second, government must serve the people. And not vice versa. Leadership is about service, not power. I stand here, again, as your Governor, with my wife, kids and grandkids at my side, because I yearn to serve. And I ask each government employee, from the clerks to the supervisors, to the department heads, to never forget: it is the people who are our bosses.

And we must serve each other, without the compulsion of government.

In 1835, as Alexis de Tocqueville toured the United States, he noticed that Americans were different from Europeans. He said, “wherever at the head of some new undertaking you see the government in France, or England, in the United States you will be sure to find an association.”

That is still true today. Every day Iowa’s volunteers make our state the wonderful place it is to live, work and raise a family.

The Boone Hope Foundation is a great example. Kids were coming to school without a warm coat, or hungry, tired, sick or worried about their family. Teachers, like many others throughout Iowa, used their own funds to help those kids, knowing that students can’t learn when their basic needs are not met.

Those caring teachers helped start the Boone Hope Foundation, which since 2005 has raised over \$129,000 from community donations to help students and their families in times of crisis. Groceries, medical bills, eyeglasses, snow boots and mittens have all been provided to children in need because a community cares.

Let us all renew our commitment to get involved: help the homeless, feed the hungry, minister to the sick, pray for the wayward. To make each of our communities better by stepping up and stepping out. And to those who are most fortunate, we bear a special responsibility to extend the ladder of opportunity to those in need.

We need look no further than the record number of Iowans who are currently deployed in the armed forces. From Salvatore Giunta to Anthony Sellers, our service men and women protect us every day with their valor and sacrifice. We all know the story of Salvatore Giunta, our most recent recipient of the Medal of Honor. And all Iowans are “busting their buttons” proud of him for his bravery, courage, and steely resolve.

I doubt that many of you know Sgt. Anthony Sellers of Burlington but I was privileged to meet him, introduced to me by his proud father Kent. Kent is a veteran

himself confined now to a wheelchair, but beaming about his son who has completed two tours in Iraq and is now in Fort Benning to prepare for another deployment.

Anthony, like the thousands of other Iowans who have answered the call of freedom, embodies the spirit of selfless service that makes our state and country that “shining city on a hill” that Tom Paine wrote about over two centuries ago. Surely, we can use their example as inspiration.

Third, it is time to restore integrity and transparency to our government decision-making processes. In Iowa, we have prided ourselves on limited, but quality, government services. When government said it would do something, it did it, and for the right reasons. Our problems were serious, but manageable, and, as people of good faith, we rolled up our sleeves and solved them.

But we’ve gotten off track. We’ve over-promised and under-delivered, turning solutions into problems. Iowans deserve better. We will get back on track with a slimmer, better managed and sustainable government you can count on when you need it. And it will start by opening up to the people our budgets, briefings and the like. Sunshine remains the best cure for what ails our government.

The fourth principal of our new covenant in Iowa must be a renewed commitment to provide the best education in the world. Providing Iowa’s children with a globally competitive education is key to their future and the future of this state. Employers say they need a better-prepared, better-trained work force. That means higher expectations for schools.

Sadly, where once Iowa’s educational system was the envy of the world, today it is in the middle of the pack.

Our young people must be able to think critically, solve problems and communicate effectively. They need a strong background in math, science, English and social studies. The bar is continually being raised in a knowledge-based economy.

It is time to put in place reforms that are hallmarks of high-performing school systems starting with assuring there is a first-rate teacher in every classroom.

The new year is an opportunity for Iowans to have a conversation about how to accomplish this. How can we attract more top students into the teaching profession? What do good, experienced teachers need to become more effective instructors?

And how do we get rid of teachers whose students consistently do not learn enough even after those teachers have received coaching to improve?

I plan to convene an education summit with some of the top education leaders in our nation and state to benchmark Iowa’s status and lay out a plan for legislative consideration that will give our kids the best education in the world.

But it is not just schools that must do more. Teaching children the value of a good education is the job of parents. Instilling the importance of lifelong learning not just by words but by example will help families and Iowa prosper. It is time for all of us to get involved.

Finally, we must celebrate success. Our tax system, whether it be property or income taxes punishes those who create the jobs we need. That will change. Both will be reduced and simplified.

The job creators will be rewarded; they are welcome here and it is about time our tax system reflects that fact.

As with our tax system, so must our attitudes toward success, change.

While our modesty in the face of success is sometimes charming, it can too often limit our reach. Alex Haley once said that we should “find the good and praise it.”

In our state and in our communities, we should find success and praise it. We should reward responsible risk-taking, for it is only through the creation of a spirit of entrepreneurship that all parts of our state, rural and urban, will grow. That is the ticket to bringing our sons and daughters home and giving all who live here a chance to share in our bounty.

That, then, is what I learned on my travels around our state. Iowans have worked harder, sacrificed more and tightened their belts further as they endured the Greatest Recession since the Great Depression. And now it is time for government to do the same.

It is time for a new covenant between Iowans and their government. It is a covenant that is founded upon principles of limited government, service above self, transparency and integrity, world class schools and celebrating the success of Iowans.

These are the principles that will guide my days as your Governor. The collective wisdom of Iowans will inspire me every day as I strive to give Iowans a government as good as the people it serves.

I ask all of you, Republican and Democrat, liberal and conservative, old and young, to join me in that effort.

No one of us has all the answers, but together, we cannot fail.

One long day on the campaign trail, I was visiting with some folks in a small town café. One of the farmers, who appeared to be in his 80's asked me what I wanted to accomplish by running for governor again.

Well, I rattled off our goals and then stopped and looked at him and asked him what he felt he had accomplished in his days. He looked at me with a twinkle in his eye, took a long sip of coffee and shifted his feet. “Well,” he said, “I left my farm better than I found it.”

When our days are done, when our time has come, we will be asked, how do we wish to measure our days?

I, for one, remember that farmer in that café: I hope to leave the state better than I found it. If all of us would approach our days with that same sense of stewardship, we will have fulfilled our mission.

With your help and Godspeed that will be the case. And the remarkable history of an exceptional state will march on, unabated...Thank you, God bless you and God bless the great state of Iowa.

The benediction was offered by Pastor Chuck DeVos of the Life Point Assembly of God Church in Osceola.

On motion by Upmeyer of Hancock, the Joint Convention was dissolved at 10:39 a.m.

The House reconvened at 10:50 a.m., Speaker Paulsen presiding.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

The following communications were received and filed in the office of the Chief Clerk:

AUDITOR OF STATE

ICN Savings Report, pursuant to Chapter 8D.10, Code of Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Iowa Core Annual Report, pursuant to Chapter 256.9(59), Code of Iowa.

Student Achievement and Accountability Annual Report, pursuant to Chapters 284.12 and 284.13, Code of Iowa.

AEA Task Force Final Report 2011, pursuant to Chapter 1092, Iowa Acts.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Report of the Iowa Capital Investment Board, pursuant to Chapter 15E.46, Code of Iowa.

HOUSE STUDY BILL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

H.S.B. 4 Public Safety

Relating to the control of marijuana, including an effective date provision, and providing a penalty.

H.S.B. 5 Public Safety

Adding hallucinogenic substances to the list of schedule I controlled substances, providing penalties, and including an effective date provision.

H.S.B. 6 Judiciary

Relating to the release and satisfaction of judgments.

H.S.B. 7 Judiciary

Relating to mental health and substance abuse histories conducted in a presentence investigation report and the standards for release on probation in a criminal proceeding.

H.S.B. 8 Judiciary

Relating to the foreclosure of a real estate mortgage.

H.S.B. 9 Judiciary

Modifying the definition of assault.

H.S.B. 10 Judiciary

Concerning the retention of funds due to contractors on public improvements.

H.S.B. 11 Judiciary

Relating to the placement of a juvenile on youthful offender status in district court.

H.S.B. 12 Judiciary

Relating to the waiting period before the granting of a decree dissolving a marriage.

On motion by Upmeyer of Hancock the House adjourned at 10:50 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2011.